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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIES - HARRIMAN PARTY

1. AT REQUEST OF HUNGARIAN EMBASSY WE PROVIDED THEM WITH
FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES:

A. W. AVERELL HARRIMAN HAS HAS AN ACTIVE CAREER IN BOTH
PUBLIC LIFE AND PRIVATE BUSINESS. HE SERVED AS CHAIR-
MAN OF THE BOARD OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD AND CHAIR-
MAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL
RAILROAD AND WAS AN ACTIVE PARTNER IN THE BANKING FIRM
OF BROWN BROTHERS, HARRIMAN COMPANY.

HE WORKED FOR ROOSEVELT'S NEW DEAL AS ADMINISTRATIVE OF-
FICER FOR THE N.R.A., AND FOR THREE YEARS HE WAS CHAIRMAN
OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COM-
MERCE. DURING WORLD WAR II PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SENT HIM
TO ENGLAND AS HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN GREAT BRITAIN
IN CHARGE OF LEND-LEASE AND OTHER MILITARY ACTIVITIES.
SUBSEQUENTLY, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT APPOINTED HIM AMBASSADOR
TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE ATTENDED THE TEHERAN AND YALTA
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CONFERENCES AND ALL BUT ONE OF THE ROOSEVELT/CHURCHILL
MEETINGS.

UNDER PRESIDENT TRUMAN HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN,
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, EUROPEAN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
MARSHALL PLAN, AND CHAIRMAN OF A NATO COMMITTEE. HE
WAS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN DURING THE

KOREAN WAR, AND LATER SERVED AS DIRECTOR FOR MUTUAL SECURITY.

HE WAS ELECTED GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK STATE 1955-59. UNDER PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON HE SERVED AS UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE. HE WAS THE SENIOR U.S. NEGOTIATOR FOR THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN 1963 AND THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM IN 1968.

MORE RECENTLY, GOVERNOR HARRIMAN HAS SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN POLICY TASK FORCE OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S ADVISORY COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.

HIS BOOKS ARE: "PEACE WITH RUSSIA?," 1959; "AMERICA AND RUSSIA IN A CHANGING WORLD," 1971; AND WITH ELIE ABEL, "SPECIAL ENVOY TO CHURCHILL AND STALIN 1941-1946," 1975.

B. DAVID MORTIMER WAS BORN ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014]. HE ATTENDED ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL IN NEWPORT RHODE ISLAND AND WENT ON TO THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER WHERE HE GRADUATED IN 1972 WITH A B.A. IN HISTORY.

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AFTER GRADUATION HE WORKED FOR THE INVESTMENT BANKING FIRM OF KUHN-LOEB & COMPANY. HE THEN JOINED THE AMERICAN ASSEMBLY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY, WHERE HE IS CURRENTLY VICE PRESIDENT.

MR. MORTIMER RECENTLY BECAME DIRECTOR OF THE NEW YORK CITY BALLET, AND SERVES ON THE ISITING COMMITTEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EUROPEAN PAINTING ON THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART IN NEW YORK.

2. FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES WERE NOT REQUESTED BY HUNGARIAN EMBASSY BUT MAY BE GIVEN TO MFA:

A. MRS. HARRIMAN. BORN ENGLAND, MARCH 20, 1920. EDUCATED AT DOWNHAM (LONDON) AND SORBONNE. MARRIED RANDOLPH CHURCHILL IN 1939; DIVORCED 1946. SON, WINSTON CHURCHILL, IS MP FOR STRETTFORD. DURING WORLD WAR II SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICE AND SECRETARY OF THE CHURCHILL CLUB FOR US AND CANADIAN SOLDIERS. IN THE EARLY POSTWAR PERIOD SHE WORKED FOR THE EXPRESS NEWSPAPERS IN LONDON. IN 1960 SHE MARRIED LELAND HAYWARD,

A THEATRICAL PRODUCER. FOLLOWING MR. HAYWARD'S DEATH, SHE MARRIED AVERELL HARRIMAN IN 1971. SHE BECAME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN THAT YEAR. MRS. HARRIMAN SERVES ON THE BOARDS OF BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AND THE WORLD REHABILITATION FUND.

B. LADY DIGBY (FIRST NAME: DIONE)

LADY DIGBY IS MARRIED TO MRS. HARRIMAN'S BROTHER, THE TWELFTH BARON DIGBY. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN. SHE DIRECTS THE ANNUAL BATH FESTIVAL AND IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN MUSIC. CHRISTOPHER

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